

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
ENCLOSURE COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: John Wilkes Booth

FILE: 62-2376

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Excels & Springs Mo.
May 8. 1922
McBrians.

There is a man here named
Booth, who claims to know
that John Wilkes Booth, the
assassin of Lincoln, not
only is not dead but wrote
him a letter 15 years ago, and
says everyone is crazy that
claims Booth was killed. He
is dark complexioned and in
some ways resembles the Booth
tribe. He lives in rear of this
house and is a mysterious fellow
and does not explain what he
was corresponding with the killer
of Lincoln for. There is a woman
named Boyer at 414 South
Monette that confirms his words
so I thought it might be worth

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while writing you. Booth says
the Government records are
worthless regarding the death
of J. W. Booth. Realizing that
you are a very busy man I
will close, hoping this may be
of use to you.



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May 18, 1952.

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Dear Sir:-

Receipt is herewith acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant.

You are advised that we are inclined to believe official records in the case of John Wilkes Booth, and do not feel that any investigation is necessary relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

W. F. Quinn
Director.

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* 321 page book entitled:

"ESCAPE AND SUICIDE OF JOHN WILKES BOOTH"

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that we are wrong?

As I want you to know the
lay, of our honest human intent,
thwart justice, to our mutual
benefactor, Abraham Lincoln,
yourself, the Department of
Justice, the United States Court
Service, our present President
the Honorable Mr. Warren G.

Harding, as well, as; the
Honorable Secretary of State, Mr.
Charles O. Hughes, will receive
the book, edited by Mr. F. L.
Bates, with a like request, to
permit us to prove, our proofs.

Will await, your reply
and confirmation of books receipt
at End, Oklahoma. General
Delivery or [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Faithfully yours,
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- ☒ For your information: An enclosure to this serial is a book entitled "Escape and Suicide of John Wilkes Booth" by Finis L. Bates.
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January 10, 1923.

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[REDACTED]
Dear Sir:

I have gone over with considerable interest the volume entitled "The Escape and Suicide of John Wilkes Booth" by Finis L. Bates of Memphis, Tennessee, submitted by you. The work contains very strong evidence in support of the old belief that Booth did escape and live many years after the assassination of President Lincoln.

This Department has no means of verification other than historic works, as the original case was handled by the military authorities. However, I thank you for calling the matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director.

MAILED
JAN 13 1923

WM. J. BURNS
DIRECTOR



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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

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January 10, 1923.

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Dear Sir:

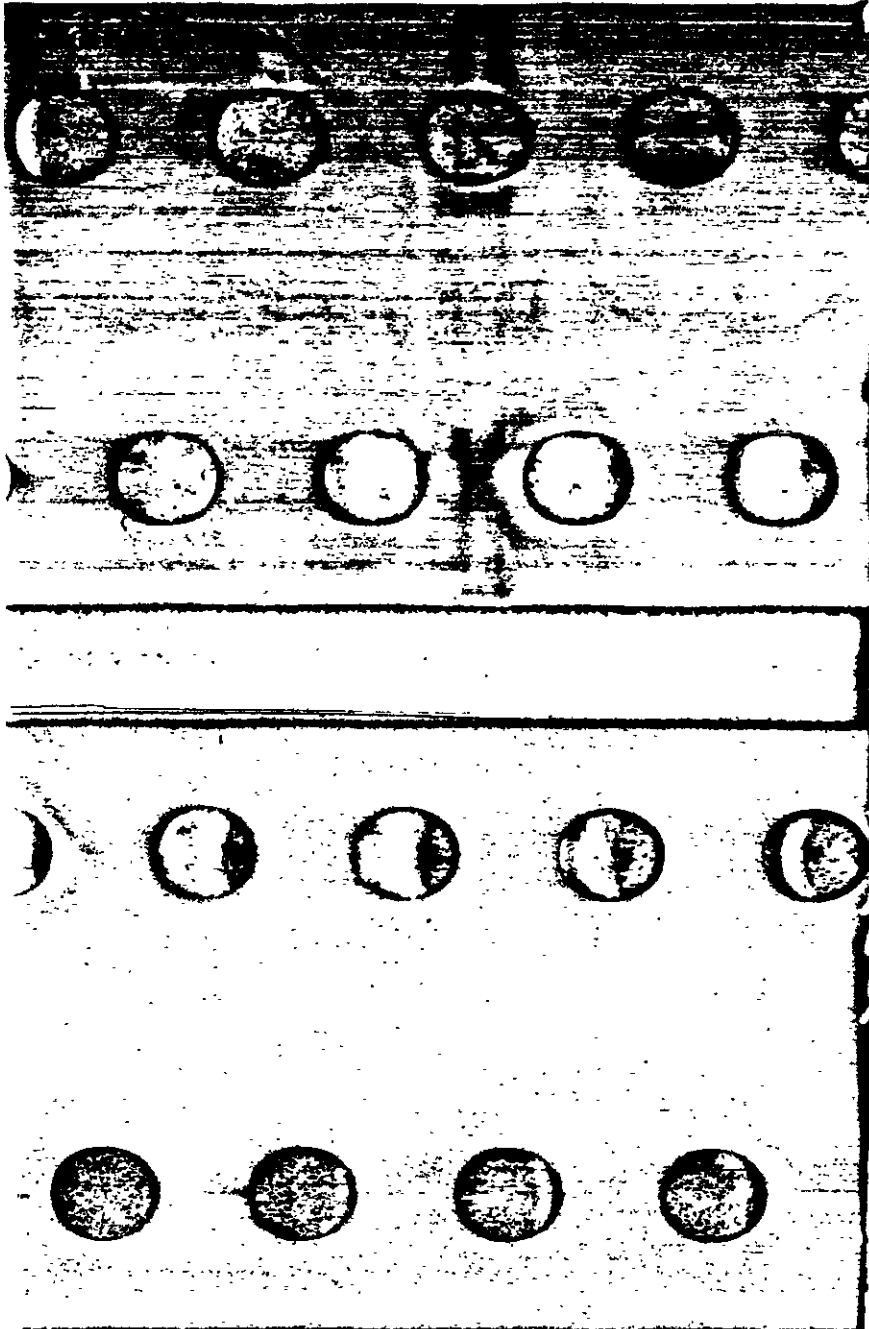
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Very truly yours,

W. J. Burns
Director.

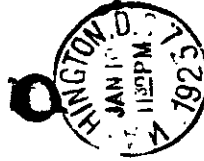
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3 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
2 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
/ NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS
WASHINGTON

D 88002

November 24, 1948

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. Sizoo.

The bearer has the left boot which John Wilkes Booth wore on the night of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, April 14, 1865, and which was later cut from his broken leg by Dr. Mudd at Bryantown, Maryland. It is important that the writing inside the boot be photographed through infra-red film or other means to make it legible. So far no laboratory has ever examined the boot in any way. A photograph of this writing on the boot will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Irving C. Root
Irving C. Root
Superintendent.

Stanley W. McClure

*K1 - rec'd 11/24
from Stanley W. McClure*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Recorded
11/29/48
12:00 Noon

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: JOHN WILKES BOOTH
BOOT

File # 95-2887-1-1
Lab. # D-88002 EQ

NO LAB FILE

Examination requested by: Mr. Irving C. Root, Superintendent, National Capital Parks
National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.
Date of reference communication: Let. 11-24-48 Date received: 11-24-48

Examination requested: Document

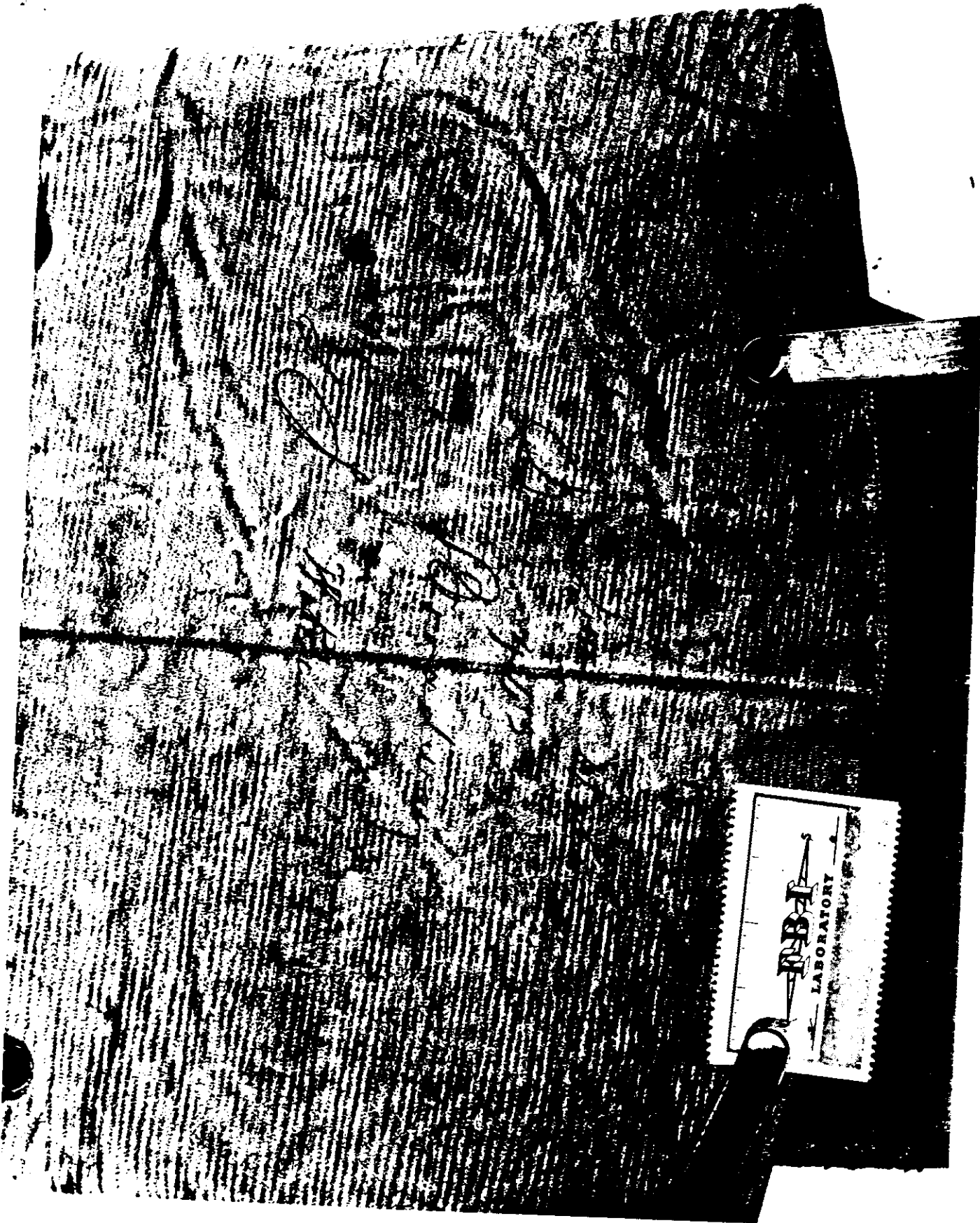
Result of Examination:

Examination by: 11-26-48
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Specimens submitted for examination

K1 Left boot of John Wilkes Booth containing partially legible handwriting
on the inside.

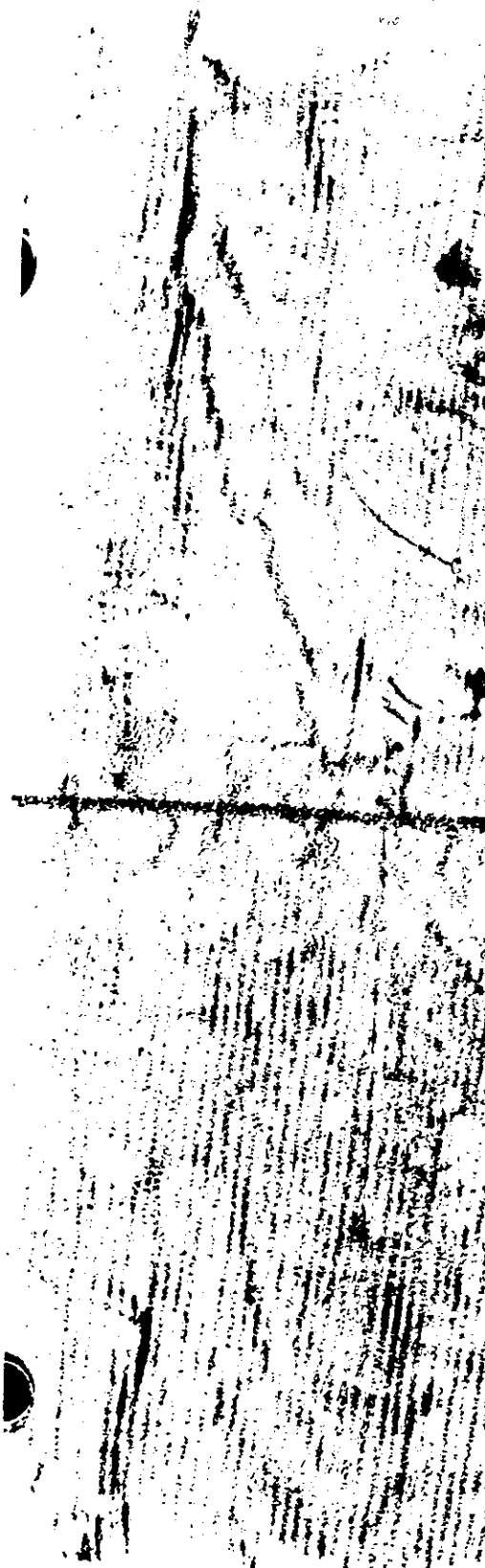
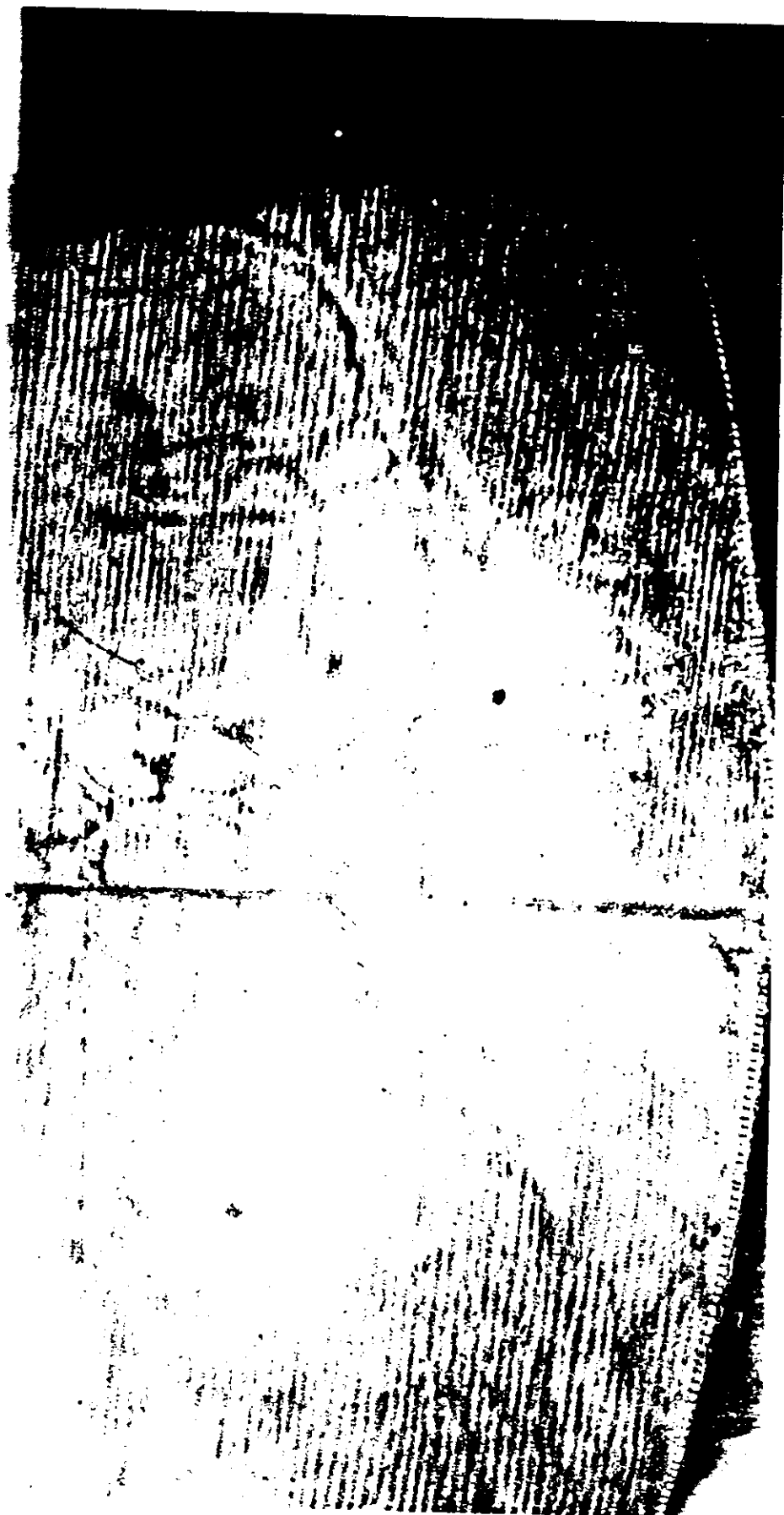
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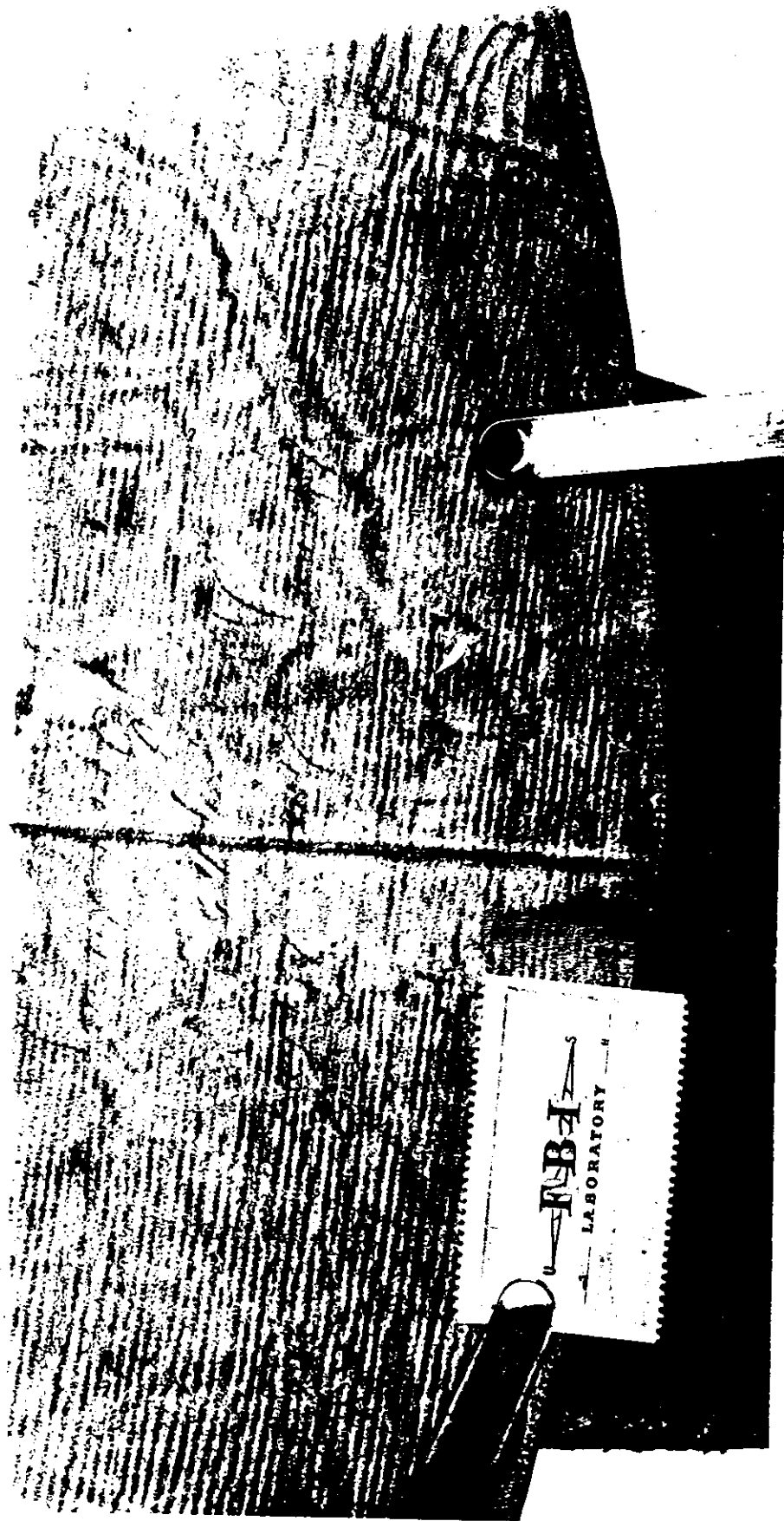


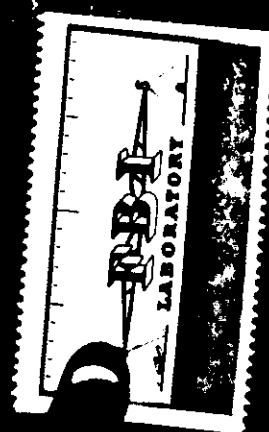
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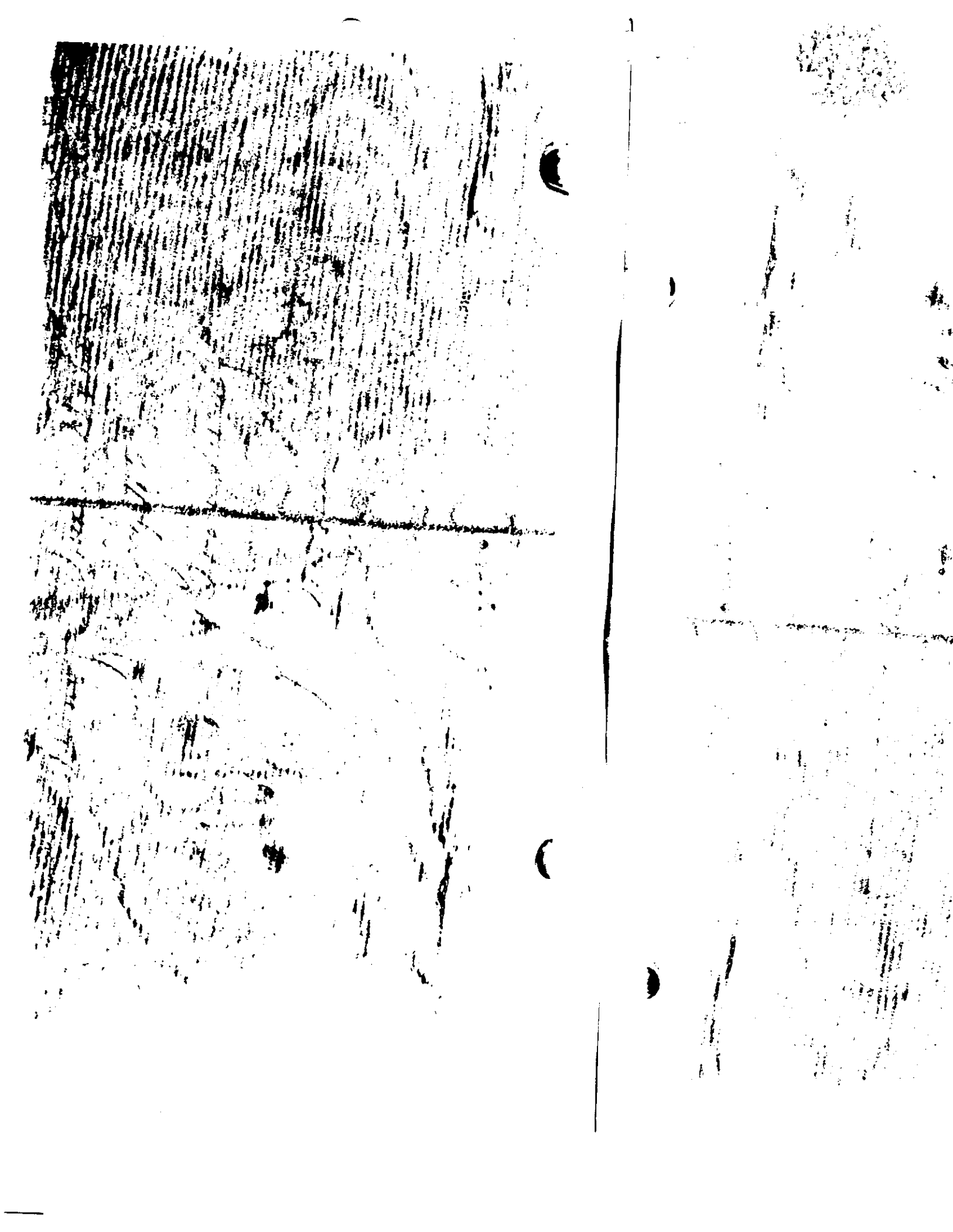












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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON D. C.

Mr. Irving C. Root, Superintendent
National Capital Parks
National Park Service
United States Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.
November 30, 1948

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the evidence listed below which was personally delivered to the Laboratory by Mr. Stanley W. McClure, of your office, on November 24, 1948. This report confirms and supplements an oral report given to Mr. McClure on November 26, 1948.

Re: JOHN WILKES BOOTH
BOOTH

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO. 95-28874-1
LAB. NO. D-88002 EQ

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter dated November 24, 1948 EX-100

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K1 Left boot of John Wilkes Booth containing partially legible handwriting on the inside.

Result of Examination:

The left boot of John Wilkes Booth was photographed by the use of ultra-violet and infra-red light in an effort to develop the partially legible handwriting appearing on the inside leather.

While it was not possible to read any of the writing with certainty, it does appear that the top line is composed of three words, the first of which is HENRY. The second line appears to consist of the numbers 485; the third line BROADWAY, and the bottom line of two flourishing capital letters (probably initials) preceding a word.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Enclosure

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The enclosed photographs may assist you in developing this information further.

The boot was personally returned to Mr. McClure of your office on November 26, 1948.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Recorded
11/29/48
12:00 Noon

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: JOHN WILKES BOOTH
BOOT

File # 15-28874-1
Lab. # D-88002 EQ

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Examination requested by: Mr. Irving C. Root, Superintendent, National Capital Park
National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Date of reference communication: Let. 11-24-48

Date received: 11-24-48

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

Examination by: *H. J. C. J.*

See below

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Specimens submitted for examination

- K1 Left boot of John Wilkes Booth containing partially legible handwriting on the inside.

*Lab. Report
11/30/48*

*Henry Lee ...
...
...
...*

*ALL
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May 14, 1973

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

On March 12, 1969, on a visit to the Museum under Ford's Theater, I took a close-up Polaroid picture of John Wilkes Booth's boot enclosed in its glass case. Inside the boot I noticed a faint name of the maker, and because it was so much like the famed Washington leather retailer Lutz I wondered whether the New York bootmaker and the Washington leather people might have been anciently related. (1)

Recently, in an attempt to find out what ever happened to Laura Keene and the Baltimore gambler named Lutz she supposedly married, I telephoned Mr. [REDACTED] at Ford's Theater, to refresh my memory on the name that I saw in Booth's boot.

Without telling me that the boot now has a wooden circular "stretcher" in the top that prevents seeing into it (I had to make a trip into Washington to ascertain this very important fact) [REDACTED] seemed unwilling to go behind an F.B.I. report that was made in 1948 regarding the boot in which it was stated that the only readable words were "Henry 465 Broadway. J. Wilkes." Will you please check your work papers on your inspection of the boot and see why your experts didn't see what Dr. Samuel A. Mudd said he saw in the boot in his statement of Apr. 21, 1865 -- i.e., "Henry Luz, Maker, 445 Broadway, J. Wilkes?" 95-2774-2

Also, I should certainly appreciate it if you will reveal the reason you were checking on John Wilkes Booth's boot eighty-three years after Booth's death. REC-102

Cordially yours,

[REDACTED]

2 MAY 31 1973

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CORRESPONDENCE

1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]

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May 30, 1973

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter making inquiry relative to the examination of the left boot of John Wilkes Booth by the FBI Laboratory has been received.

For your information, this examination was conducted for the National Park Service of the U. S. Department of the Interior in keeping with our policy of performing Laboratory examinations for other agencies of the U. S. Government.

The inability to completely discern the original inscription in this boot at the time of the examination may be attributed to the normal deterioration and fading of ink impressions with the passage of time, which in this instance was a period of some eighty-three years. Factors such as the nature of the ink, humidity, heat, writing surface and other conditions may influence the rate and extent of this natural fading.

I hope the above information has been helpful to you.

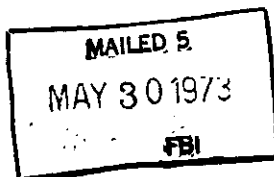
Sincerely yours,
William D. Ruckelshaus

William D. Ruckelshaus
Acting Director

[REDACTED]

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Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Baker _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Cleveland _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Gebhardt _____
Mr. Jenkins _____
Mr. Marshall _____
Mr. Miller, E.S. _____
Mr. Soyars _____
Mr. Thompson _____
Mr. Walters _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Baise _____
Mr. Barnes _____
Mr. Bowers _____
Mr. Herington _____
Mr. Conny _____
Mr. Mintz _____
Mr. Eardley _____
Mrs. Hogan _____



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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
1100 OHIO DRIVE, S. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242

IN REPLY REFER TO:
K18-NCR(MIRR)

MAY 19 1977

Mr. Clarence Kelly
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20005

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Attention: Technical Analysis Laboratory

Dear Mr. Kelly

We have recently had numerous questions from Lincoln researchers, and those wishing to learn more about the Lincoln assassination, concerning the diary of John Wilkes Booth. Several pages were cut out of the diary, probably some time before the trial of the conspirators found guilty of the assassination.

In order to put to rest any question about the possibility of invisible writing in the diary, and especially to ensure the preservation of this historical document, we are asking that your laboratory examine it. We would like you to use any technology presently available that would not damage the document, by which we could discover anything out of the ordinary in it.

If anything is discovered, we would like to have photographs of such a discovery which we could make available to researchers, thus avoiding more handling of the diary.

We would appreciate any help you can give us.

Sincerely yours,

Manus J. Fresh Jr.

Regional Director, National Capital Region

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the South. The cause of Liberty
& Justice. We should I must the
most, dear Brother, in struggling
for such holy rights, I can say
God's will be done. And then I
in my heart for not permitting
me, to outline, our dear daughter
and husband, for keeping me from
being longer a hidden lie among
my country's foes. Darling Brother
I can not write you, you will
understand the deep regret, the
foreboding your dear wife, and
mother are suffering, for you have
been the best, the noblest, the
dearest for all Brothers. But
I can't tell you. I regret even
writing him to do. And should
the fact, that while you are
dear Brother, dear old father,
and almost all the best life is
but about, and not at all in
health, my Mother & Sister
(I think for them) will all my
love and duty to them, and

Dearest Beloved Brother
I love you and my own dear
Brother, I say only for the sake
my love) and to me, comfort &
protection you, and my father, that
he suffers the bliss of my
father's presence, your presence
and happiness for him, and
you to come. God can keep
I have always endeavored to be
a good and cheerful son, and
and and will not let it be
than give you pain, but I am
brother, though, I am you all,
there is another thing, I would
duty for the sake of living
and humanity due to my
country. For from your 19th
June (I may say) I have in
the month (I) feared close in
time, but no less helped to me

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John Wilkes Booth

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
July 25, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

With reference to the memorandum of Mr. Mulcahy dated July 19, 1939 and my conversation with Mr. Tracy on that date regarding the desire of [redacted] of the Washington Post to secure material for a story on wanted notices, I desire to advise that I talked with [redacted] on that date. What she wanted was copies of old style and new wanted notices, to serve as a basis for her story. After a rather thorough search of the Bureau files, it was found that no old wanted notices could be located, and it so happened that while talking with [redacted] on other matters I asked him if he had any old ones. He stated he did and would forward them to the Bureau. Photographic reproductions were made and copies of the old wanted notices issued for the apprehension of John Wilkes Booth, and Ora, Frank and Oscar Lewis were given to [redacted]. Copies of these are attached for record purposes and future reference.

A photographic reproduction of one of the old wanted notices issued for Grover Cleveland Bergdoll was furnished [redacted] together with I. O. and wanted notice issued for Louis Buchalter, and flyers issued for the apprehension of John Dillinger and "Baby Face" Nelson, also composite views of John Dillinger. In addition a photograph of the artist's conception of the Lindbergh kidnapper was furnished her, with a photograph of Hauptmann. A wanted notice and I. O. were given her on Angelo Falcone, since he was apprehended through the I. O., and the same applies with the I. O. and I. I. on Frank Grigware. Likewise the I. O. and attached statement on Henry Herman Burris were given [redacted], together with data from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin on Grover M. Yowell.

It should be pointed out that [redacted] stated that the wanted notices which he had forwarded down, could be used in any way the Bureau desired, they could be used for illustrative purposes in newspapers or magazines.

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Respectfully,

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L. B. Nichols. AUG 12 1939

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TOLSON

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JOHN

WALL

Mr. Nathan ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Coffey ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Gandy ✓

\$30,000 REWARD

DESCRIPTION

OF

JOHN WILKES BOOTH!

**Who Assassinated the PRESIDENT on the Evening
of April 14th, 1865.**

Height 5 feet 8 inches; weight 160 pounds; compact built; hair jet black, inclined to curl, medium length, parted behind; eyes black, and heavy dark eye-brows; wears a large seal ring on little finger; when talking inclines his head forward; looks down.

Description of the Person who Attempted to Assassinate Hon. W. H. Seward, Secretary of State.

Height 6 feet 1 inch; hair black, thick, full and straight; no beard, nor appearance of beard; cheeks full on the jaws; face moderately full; 32 or 33 years of age; eyes, color not known—large eyes, not prominent; brows not heavy, but dark; face not large, but rather round; complexion healthy; nose straight and well formed, medium size; mouth small; lips thin; upper lip protruded when he talked; chin pointed and prominent; head medium size; neck short, and of medium length; hands soft and small; fingers tapering; shows no signs of hard labor; broad shoulders; taper waist; straight figure; strong-looking man; manner not gentlemanly, but vulgar; Overcoat double-breasted, color mixed of pink and grey spots, small—was a sack overcoat, pockets in side and one on the breast, with lappells or flaps; pants black, common stuff; new heavy boots; voice small and thin, inclined to tenor.

The Common Council of Washington, D. C., have offered a reward of \$20,000 for the arrest and conviction of these Assassins, in addition to which I will pay \$10,000.

L. O. BAKER,

Colonel and Agent War Department

War Department, Washington, April 20, 1865.

\$100,000 REWARD!

THE MURDERER

Of our late beloved President, ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
IS STILL AT LARGE.

\$50,000 REWARD!

will be paid by this Department for his apprehension, in addition to any reward offered by Municipal Authorities or State Executives.

\$25,000 REWARD!

will be paid for the apprehension of JOHN H. MURRATT, one

\$25,000 REWARD!

will be paid for the apprehension of DANIEL O. HAROLD, another of Booth's accomplices.

LIBERAL REWARDS will be paid for any information that shall conduce to the arrest of either of the above-named criminals, or their accomplices.

All persons harboring or concealing the said persons, or either of them, or aiding or assisting their concealment or escape, will be treated as accomplices in the murder of the President and the attempted assassination of the Secretary of State, and shall be subject to trial before a Military Commission and the punishment of **DEATH**.

Let the stain of innocent blood be removed from the land by the arrest and punishment of the murderers.

All good citizens are exhorted to aid public justice on this occasion. Every man should consider his own conscience charged with this solemn duty, and rest neither night nor day until it be accomplished.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

JOHN H. MURRATT is about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, slender build, high forehead, black hair, thin lips, and wears a heavy black mustache. He is rather thin and dark. Wears light-colored clothing of the quality. Shoulders square, chest narrow, rather prominent, with narrow arms projecting to the top. Hands rather low and square, but broad. Parts his hair on the right side, and rather long. His lips are firmly set. A thin man. DANIEL O. HAROLD is 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, rather broad, dark hair, dark eyes, and wears a heavy black mustache.

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on that account.) But during your forgiveness, and I feel I am
to express my thoughts on order. hope it, I am. think of your diffi-
-culty, and in my own heart with me in opinion, I am
convincedly knowing long time. by the grace of God, his things
-right, and to my heart, do. this does then brother, if so, do
-named as transmittable, and not of my life that I am
knowing, the bill and savage devoted to you. this has been
act committed on my country, my forgiveness, for I know it is
their doing whether children, then a long lifetime of labor
that I have carried my selfishness and done, I share, for
illness. And began to share the pain, this sharing, with
myself a reward and to share give you. that I must longer
beyond evidence, for your pain must the inclination, to go on
I have done it mostly for you share the suffering of my own
own sake, but for you alone, has countryman. Telling an enemy
I also thought to fight off this. share (for every right human
claim to begin. but it is unwise & dangerous) against the heart and
unendurable fate, turning me. his enemy, the world has on
for its sake, takes me from him, You are answer for a
you, dear brother, to do also demand brother (although in
heart I can for a poor offense of you think with me) that I
thoughtless people. May that have not a single selfish action
same fate come on to do that to spare me on to this, nothing
work well, I have not for the same the sacred duty, I feel I
conscience at the death. it I have seen the cause I love. the cause.

with you with arms and time.
here, till we meet again, And
if that happens then, not come
to us on earth, then bring, O my
it be with God, O's then, then
out. Shall brother, for give me
pay for me. I feel that I
am right in the justice of my
cause, And that we shall, we
live. Meet again. Haven't
it? Then you, then you. I am
living, I will never live.
hope, and bring for me a lot
Come meet on time. with
me and! Love and love.
You will find me true, you
Affectionate Son John.

1864
My Dear Sir,
You may see this, I think, but not as
soon. I wish to know when the letter will
be. And I don't know just how to direct I give
it (to the hands of your mother) to whom it only
will be sent.

Right or wrong, God is Judge. I don't know.
For be my justice good or bad, of one thing
I am sure the lasting condemnation of the North
I love peace more than life. I have loved the
Union beyond expression. For four years here
I waited, hoped and prayed; for the dark
clouds to break; and for a restoration of our
former sunshine. To wait longer would be
a crime. All hope for peace is dead. My prayers
have proved as idle as my hopes. Peace will be
done: I go to see, and share the bitter end.

I have ever held the South wrong right. The
condemnation of Abraham Lincoln's
years ago, the plain, slow, and sure
Southern rights and institutions. His election
proved it. I must do what I can till
you are sound and peaceful. I don't follow
The South, and will, like thousands of others
as witnesses. When the finger of his sword points
on the trigger, I don't follow, and I don't care.

say "Country right or wrong." But in a struggle
such as ours (where the brother tries to please
the brother's heart.) for God's sake choose the
right. When a country ~~like this~~ ^{like this} spurns
justice from her side, she forfeits the al-
legiance of every honest freeman, and ~~leaves~~ ^{leaves} him
unhindered by any fealty sworn, to act, as his
conscience may approve.

People of the North, to hate tyranny, to
love liberty and justice, to strike at
wrong and oppression, was the teaching of our
fathers. The study of our early history will
not let me forget it, and may it never.

This country was formed for the white but
for the black man. And looking upon
African Slavery from the same stand-point,
as held by those noble framers of our
Constitution, I for one have never considered
it, one of the greatest blessings (both for
themselves and us,) that God ever bestowed
upon a favored nation. Witness heretofore
our wealth and power, witness their elevation
in happiness and enlightenment above their
race elsewhere. I have lived among it most
of my life and have seen less harsh treatment
from Master to man, than I have beheld in
the North from father to son. God bless.

Knows ~~no one~~ would be willing to do, more for
the negro race, than I. Could I but see a way
to still better their condition. But Lincoln
policy is only preparing the way for their
total annihilation. The South are not. nor
have they been fighting for the continuance of
slavery. the first battle of Bull Run did away
with that idea. Their cause since for now, have
been as noble, and greater far than those that
urged our fathers on. Even should we allow, they
were wrong at the beginning of this contest,
cruelty and injustice, have made the wrong
become the right. And they stand now, (before
the wonder and admiration of the world,) as
a band of patriotic heroes. Hereafter, reading
of their deeds, Thermopylae will be forgotten.
When I aided in the capture and the ex-
ecution of John Brown, (who was a murderer on
our Northern borders; and who was fairly tried and
convicted, - before an impartial judge & jury -
of treason, - and who by the way has since been
made a God - I was proud of my little share in
the transaction, for I deemed it my duty
and that I was helping our common Country
to perform an act of justice. But what was
a crime in poor John Brown, is now considered (by
themselves) the greatest and only virtue, of the whole

Republican party. Strange transmigration, vice to
become a virtue. Simply because more indulgent
in it. I thought, then, as now, that the ab-
litionists, were the only traitors in the land.
And that the entire party, deserved the fate of
poor old Brown. Not because they wish to ab-
olish slavery, but on account of the means they
have ever resorted to, even to effect that ab-
olition. If Brown were living, I doubt if he
himself, would set slavery against the Union.
Most, on my mind, in the North do. And openly
call the Union of the South are to return and
retain a single right guaranteed them by the
the which we once revered and sacred. The South can
make no choice, it is either extermination or
slavery for themselves (worse than death) to draw
from. I would know my choice, as long as
I have, also, studied hard to discover upon what
grounds, the right of a state to secede has been
denied, when our very name (United States)
and our Declaration of Independence, both
provide for secession. But there is no time for
words, I write in haste. I know how fol-
low I shall be deemed for undertaking such a
step, as this, where on the one side I have my
friends, and everything to make me happy.
Where my profession alone has gained me an
income of more than twenty thousand dollars
a year. And where my great personal ambition
in my profession has put a great field for
labor. On the other hand, the South have

never bestowed upon me one kind word, a place
now, where I have no friends, except beneath the
rod. A place where I must either become a private
soldier or a beggar. To give up all of the former
for the latter, besides my mother and sister
whom I love so dearly, (although they so widely
differ with me in opinion) seems almost that
God is my judge. I love justice, more than I do a
country, that divides it. More than fame and
wealth. More. (I never pardon me if wrong) More than a
happy home. I have never been upon a battle-
field, but O my Countrymen, could you all but see
the reality or effects of this horrid war, as I have
seen them (in every State, save Virginia). I know you
would think like me, and would pray the Al-
mighty to create in the Northern mind a sense
of right and justice. (Even should it prove the
reasoning of money) and that he would dry up the
sea of blood between us, which is daily growing wider.
Alas, poor country, so she to must be threatened
down. Four years ago, I would have given a thou-
sand lives, to see her ruins. (As I had already known
her) powerful and majestic and invincible. I
would hold my life as naught, to see her what
she was. O my friends, if the fearful winds of the
past four years had never been, swept, as if they
had been, had been but a frightful storm, from
which we could now awake with what overflowing
hearts could we bless our God, and pray for his
continued favor. Alas, I have loved the old flag
can never, now, be known. A few years since and

the entire world could boast of none so pure
and spotless, But I have of late been seeing
and hearing of the bloody deeds of which she
has been made, the emblem, and would
shudder to think how changed she had
grown, & how I have longed to see her
break from the mist of blood and death
that now circles round her folds, spoiling
her beauty and tarnishing her honor. But
no, day by day has she been dragged deeper
and deeper into cruelty and oppression, till now
(in my eyes) her once bright red stripes look
like bloody gashes on the face of Heaven.
I look now upon my early admiration of her
glories as a dream. My love for things that
to day is for the South alone. Nor, do I
deem it a dishonor, in attempting to make
for her a prisoner of this man, to whom
she owes so much of misery. If Heaven allow
me, I go penniless to her side. They say she
has found that "last ditch" which the North
have so long derided, and been endeavoring
to force her in, forgetting they are our broth-
ers, and that it is impolitic to goad an enemy
to madness. Should I reach her in safety and
find it true, I will bravely be permitted
to triumph or die in that same ditch by her
side. A Confederate, at present doing duty
upon his own responsibility.

Wm. Keith Booth

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1864.

JAMES M. CRAWFORD,
No. 54 Fourth Street,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

A highly decorative, high-contrast black and white illustration of a pocket watch. The watch is open, showing its face with Roman numerals and hands. The watch is surrounded by ornate, swirling patterns and floral motifs. The text "JAMES H. MOORE" is visible on the watch face, and "64." is printed below it. The overall style is reminiscent of a vintage advertisement or a decorative bookplate.

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DISTANCES AND TIME **By Railroad from New York**

to the following places:

To Albany, N. Y....	144 miles, 5 1-2 h's time.
" Baltimore, Md. ...	188 " 8
" Bangor, Me.	484 " 12 1-2
" Boston, Mass.	236 " 9
" Buffalo, N. Y. ...	417 " 15
" Burlington, Vt. ...	296 " 13 1-2
" Charleston, S. C. ...	829 " 24
" Chicago, Ill.	955 " 29
" Cincinnati, Ohio. ...	859 " 23
" Cleveland, Ohio. ...	604 " 23
" Concord, N. H. ...	270 " 11 1-2
" Detroit, Mich.	646 " 25 1-2
" Dunkirk, N. Y. ...	461 " 17 1-2
" Indianapolis, Ind. ...	969 " 28
" Memphis, Tenn. ...	1,876 " 60
" Milwaukee, Wis. ...	1,000 " 42 1-2
" Montgom'y, Ala. ...	1,236 " 52
" Montreal, Can. ...	400 " 20 1-2
" New Orleans, La. ...	1,495 " 72
" Newport, R. I. ...	216 " 9
" Portland, Me.	347 " 14
" Philadelphia, Pa. ...	90 " 4
" Pittsburg, Pa.	443 " 16 1-2
" Richmond, Va. ...	356 " 18 1-2
" Savannah, Ga.	933 " 24
" St. Louis, Mo. ...	1,145 " 51
" St. Joseph, Mo. ...	1,429 " 64
" Washington, D.C. ...	226 " 10
" Wheeling, Va.	567 " 25

A COMPLETE Table of Stamp Duties

AS AMENDED MARCH 2, 1868.

AGREEMENT, CONTRACT, or APPRAISEMENT, not otherwise specified, each sheet.....	5
BANK CHECK, DRAFT, or ORDER FOR MONEY, payable at sight or on demand, over \$20.....	2
BILL OF SALE OF VESSEL, consideration not over \$500, Over \$500 and not over \$1,000.....	25 50
For every additional \$1,000, or part thereof, 20 cents more.	
BILL OF LADING, or Receipt for any goods for foreign export, (except to British North America,).....	20
BOND for the performance of the duties of office, or of indemnity for the payment of money.....	50
BONDS in legal proceedings, and for purposes not otherwise provided for.....	25
CERTIFICATE OF STOCK, in incorporated company....	25
CERTIFICATE OF PROFITS, in incorporated company, If for \$10 and not over \$50.....	10
Exceeding \$50.....	25
CERTIFICATE OF DAMAGE, and all Certificates issued by any port warden or marine surveyor.....	25
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT, \$100 or less.....	2
Over \$100.....	5
(Certificate of measurement or weight of animals, wood, coal, or other articles, Certificate of Record of Deed, or acknowledgement thereof, by attesting witness, require no stamp.)	
CERTIFICATE, of any other description.....	4
CHARTER PARTY, of vessel or steamer not over 150 tons.....	1 00
Over 150 and not over 300 tons.....	3 00
Over 300 and not over 600 tons.....	5 00
Over 600 tons.....	10 00

STAMP DUTIES.

CONTRACT, Broker's note, or memorandum of sale of property, (except coin,) issued by Broker.....	20
For sale of Coin or loan on same, (of over 2 days, or renewal of shorter loan,) or of money or currency secured by pledge or deposit of gold or silver coin, shall be in writing, and have stamps equal in amount to 1-2 per cent., and interest at 5 per cent. on amount so loaned.	
DEED, or CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE.....	
Where the value is over \$100 and not over \$500.....	50
Over \$500 and not over \$1,000.....	1 00
Over 1,000 and not over 2,500.....	2 00
Over 2,500 and not over 5,000.....	5 00
Over 5,000 and not over 10,000.....	10 00
Over 10,000 and not over 20,000.....	20 00
For every additional 10,000, or part thereof, 20 cents more.	
ENTRY OF GOODS, at any custom house, for consumption or warehousing, of value not over \$100.....	25
Over \$100 and not over \$500.....	50
Over 500.....	1 00
FOREIGN BILL OF EXCHANGE, or LETTERS OF CREDIT.....	
If in sets of three or more, each bill of each set, not over \$150.....	5
Over \$150 and not over \$250.....	8
Over 250 and not over 500.....	10
Over 500 and not over 1,000.....	15
Over 1,000 and not over 1,500.....	20
Over 1,500 and not over 2,250.....	25
Over 2,250 and not over 3,500.....	30
Over 3,500 and not over 5,000.....	40
Over 5,000 and not over 7,500.....	1 00
For every additional \$2,500, or part thereof, 20 cents more.	
INSURANCE, (Marine, Inland, and Fire). Each policy or renewal, (or assignment of same,) on which premium is \$10 or less.....	20
Over \$10.....	25
INSURANCE (Life) POLICY, (or assignment of same,) not over \$1,000.....	25
Over \$1,000 and not over \$5,000.....	50
Over 5,000.....	1 00

STAMP DUTIES.

LEASE, (or assignment of same,) of real estate, not over 3 years.....	50
Over 3 years.....	1 00
LOTTERY TICKETS. — Every ticket, (whole or fractional,) retail price of which is \$1 or less.....	50
Exceeding \$1, for every dollar or part thereof, 50 cents more.	
MANIFEST, of vessel's cargo for foreign port, (except to British North America,) if registered tonnage is not over 300 tons.....	1 00
Over 300 and not over 600 tons.....	2 00
Over 600 tons.....	5 00
MORTGAGE, or PERSONAL BOND for payment of any definite sum of money, upon every \$200, or fractional part thereof.....	10
PASSAGE TICKET, to foreign port, (except British North America,) costing \$30 or less.....	50
Over \$30.....	1 00
POWER OF ATTORNEY, to sell or transfer any scrip, or certificate of profits of any corporation or association, not exceeding \$50.....	10
To sell or transfer any stock, bond, or scrip, or for the collection of interest or dividends thereon, (except as above,).....	25
To collect rents.....	25
To vote by proxy for officers of any corporation or society, (except religious, charitable, literary societies, or public cemeteries,).....	10
To sell or rent real estate, or to perform any other act not herein mentioned.....	1 00
PROBATE OF WILL, or Letters of Administration, value of estate not over \$2,500.....	20
Over \$2,500 and not over \$5,000.....	1 00
Over 5,000 and not over 20,000.....	2 00
Over 20,000 and not over 50,000.....	5 00
Over 50,000 and not over 100,000.....	10 00
Over 100,000 and not over 150,000.....	20 00
For every additional \$50,000, or part thereof, \$10 more.	
PROTEST, of note, check, draft, &c.....	25
TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCH, when charge for first ten words is 20 cents or less.....	1
When over 20 cents.....	2

STAMP DUTIES.

WAREHOUSE RECEIPT, for property stored.....	25
WITHDRAWAL from bonded warehouse.....	50

WRITS, or other original process, for beginning suits, (except before a Justice of the Peace, or commenced by the United States or any State,)..... 50

PROPRIETARY, Medicines, Perfumery, &c., each package retailed at not over 25 cents, 1 cent; over 25 and not over 50 cents, 2 cents; over 50 and not over 75 cents, 3 cents; over 75 cents and not over \$1.00, 4 cents. Every additional 50 cents, or part thereof, 2 cents more.

PLAYING CARDS, price not over 18 cents each pack, 1 cent; over 18 and not over 25 cents, 2 cents; over 25 and not over 30 cents, 3 cents; over 30 and not over 35 cents, 4 cents; over 35 cents, 5 cents.

✂ The indiscriminate use of all kinds of stamps (except postage or proprietary) is permitted, care being taken to affix a stamp or stamps of the proper amount.

Documents made in any foreign country, to be used in the United States, shall pay the same duty as when made here. The party to whom the same is issued, or by whom it is used, shall affix thereon the proper stamp, before using.

No deed, or mortgage of real estate, shall be required to pay a stamp duty of over \$1,000 in any event.

Powers of Attorney, or other papers relating to applications for bounties, arrearages of pay, or pensions, require no stamp; neither do warrants of attorney accompanying a bond or note when such bond or note shall be stamped; and whenever any bond or note shall be secured by mortgage, but one stamp duty is required, provided the stamp duty placed thereon is the highest rate required for said instrument, or either of them.

No document signed or issued prior to June 1st, 1862, without being stamped, shall be invalid for that reason; but it shall not be admitted or used in any court until it shall have been stamped, and the initials of the person using, and the date when it is used, placed thereon.